

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-
EXAMINING GROUP 2161**

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Applicant: Stephen J. Todd et al.
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PERIOD FOR DATA IN A STORAGE SYSTEM
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, each of the rejections in the Office Action has been carefully considered and is addressed below. The application, as presented, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10, 14, 15, 17, 20-29, 33, 34, 36, 39-48, 52, 53, 55, 58-63, 65-70, 72-77, 79, and 80 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over US Patent Publication No. 2004/0249871 ("Bazoon") in view of US Patent Publication No. 2004/0083347 ("Parson"), and rejects claims 11-13, 16, 18, 19, 30-32, 35, 37, 38, 49-51, 54, 56, 57, 64, 71, and 78